## **MEDIA ADVISORY**



**Date:** May 15, 2012

**District 7:** Los Angeles & Ventura Counties

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Caltrans Workers Memorial: A Day To Remember** 

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WHAT: Workers Memorial will be held to remember and recognize Caltrans

employees in Los Angeles and Ventura counties killed in the line of duty.

WHEN: Thursday, May 17,

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Dodgers Stadium, Lot 8

1000 Elysian Park Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Enter through main entrance)

Caltrans has lost 178 employees statewide since 1924. Thirty two of the employees worked in District 7. Workers aren't the only ones at risk – 85% to 90% of people who are killed in work zones are drivers and passengers. Nationally, on average, work zone fatalities occur every day, or about one every 13 hours. Additionally, an average of 84 work zone injuries occur every day – one every 17 minutes. Help us get the word out. It's up to each and every motorist to end this cycle and Slow For the Cone Zone and Move Over.

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